

Society

Long Ago and Now.

Mrs. Richardson Clover will add another to the charming series of parties which she has given in this city as maid and matron when she introduces her second daughter, Miss Beatrice Clover, at a tea tomorrow, and supplements the afternoon's entertainment by a dinner for the assistants and others, and a dance at the final touch tomorrow night. She has guests from New York who came on for the week end and who are remaining over tomorrow.

Miss Dora Miller, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Miller of California, there was no greater belle at the capital than Mrs. Clover was in her girlhood. The Miller home was on Connecticut avenue at Jefferson place, now a store site. In that day it was one of the happiest rendezvous for the younger set. The senator's wealth and hospitable nature, and the pleasure both he and his wife took in the things which interested their young daughter, brought about a never-ending program. Mrs. Miller lived to see her daughter's happy marriage, and to enjoy, with her, a trip around the world, just as Rear Admiral and Mrs. Clover have taken with their attractive young daughters, Mrs. Miller gave a fancy dress ball in the Connecticut avenue house, which President Arthur, his sister, Mrs. McElroy, and the smart world of the capital attended, and there are many more here who will recall the costumes and the notables who wore them.

Mrs. Clover gave a number of juvenile fancy dress balls when her daughters were little girls, having marvelous decorations and conceits to please the youthful assemblages and the grown-ups asked in to look on. She has had a great success in carrying out similar guests were entertained, and is regarded, very naturally, as an authority in the matter of fancy dress parties. Two years ago when her elder daughter was presented she entertained continuously through the winter for her and her young friends, dinners and dances following each week of the season. Mrs. Clover has always liked travel. In her journey round the world with her mother the latter made a collection of teapots, which are arranged in the dining room of the Clover home, on New Hampshire avenue. These articles are in all the metals, as well as china, and are in many varied forms. They add interest to a luxurious home which has many other such objects to tell of travels in foreign lands and happy times with the family circle in this city and at the California estate, where the rear Admiral and his wife and daughters spent the late summer and fall.

There is a great charm in the social history which surrounds the British embassy. Excepting the White House alone at the capital where successive generations of the smart world have wanted more to go. No invitations have been more coveted than those expected from the various British ministers and ambassadors. In the long ago one's presence at the home of her majesty's representative placed a cachet on a social career and of later years since it became an embassy the feeling has increased—if it were possible. The hospitality extending to the present ambassador and his wife added a chapter last winter of great distinction to the social calendar.

Sir Edward and Lady Thornton in the old days met all the requirements of their position with dignity. They gave balls of notable brilliancy. Lord Rockville West and his three pretty daughters made an interesting group. The eldest made a great fight last year and won in the law suit by which the heirs of her benefactor sought to get back the fortune in money and art objects given to her. She was a very demure young lady while she was mistress of the British legation, and, in last, one would judge, to acquire determination and skill to carry her contention to a successful issue.

Sir Julian Pauncefote was the first ambassador, and the enjoyment of his family in his new distinction was thorough. A younger daughter of his was married while the family lived here, and numerous occasions of note marked their residence. They entertained, too, Princess Eugenie of Spain and carried out all the old-world honors for visiting royalties, much to the enjoyment and instruction of the hundreds of guests who were at the embassy that night. During the last illness of Sir Julian President Roosevelt called at the embassy to make inquiry. The elder Sir Pauncefote has been entertained at homes here during several visits since to this country.

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When the question of a home here was being discussed by the senator Mrs. Stewart saw the possibilities of the Dupont Circle site and that selection was made.

She had just returned from a long absence in Europe and the orient, and had brought back qualities of furniture of such a massive description that no house she found in Washington was spacious enough to give it proper setting. It was especially true of her collection of mirrors. So she designed the rooms: their height and general arrangement to receive her Florentine and teakwood treasures. The entrance hall was oval shaped, and a winding staircase was a most decorative feature. The main drawing room was at the left of the hall and faced south. The dining room and a reception room were on the north side. The ballroom, among the most modern ones in this city, had the full width of the house across the rear. The mansion soon became known as Castle Stewart. The ballroom created the greatest furore, because there were so few similar rooms outside of Corcoran House, etc.

Mrs. Stewart entertained elaborately, and lived up to the traditions of her southern birthplace. Her father was once United States senator from Mississippi. She had roughed it after her marriage in the west, but was a real queen in this city. For each of her three daughters she gave many parties, and the last big event of her life in Stewart Castle was the marriage of the youngest daughter to Princess Eugenie of Spain and carried out all the old-world honors for visiting royalties, much to the enjoyment and instruction of the hundreds of guests who were at the embassy that night.

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The Riding and Hunt Club evenings generally precede a dance at some notable home, where performers and audience meet again, and the public meetings of the Fencing Club generally wind up with dancing, though neither are properly to be designated as dancing clubs.

The pink coat ball given by the Dunblane Hunt Club in 1891 at Wormley's deserves a chapter by itself. For the benefit of the young generation it may be stated that Wormley's was one of the celebrated small hotels of the 80s and early 90s, and was on the site of the Union Trust building at 15th and H streets. The ball was in February and was managed by Mr. Robert Neville, master of the Dunblane Hunt, Hon. Alan Johnstone of the British legation, Mr. John Ridgely Carter, who practically lives abroad, after a diplomatic career in his country's service, and Mr. Henry May.

Mrs. Levi Z. Leiter, Mrs. D. P. Morgan and Mrs. Henry May received. The men wore their hunting dress, knee breeches and pink coats. At supper time the signal was the singing of the old hunt song, "Drink, Puppy, Drink." Alan Johnstone led with Miss Constance

Lodge, now Mrs. A. P. Gardner, a cotillion of sixty-five couples. The favors were suggestive of the hunt, as were the decorations.

The annual Christmas sale and tea will be held at St. Rose's Technical School, Phelps place and California street, Saturday, December 5, 3 to 7 p.m. There will be an exhibition of work done in the school, including gowns, wraps, lingerie. Ladies of the diplomatic circle will be in charge of the tearoom and at the war relief table, where articles may be purchased to send abroad to sufferers in the war zone, will be presided over by Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Nora P. McGill, Miss Squire, Miss Horsey and others.

Mrs. Hannis Taylor will have the candy table, with Miss Taylor and Mrs. Welles.

Mrs. Stubblefield will have the apron table, with Mrs. Holden, Mrs. James Orme and Mrs. Edgar Orme.

Mrs. D. J. Callahan will have the cake table with Mrs. Herron and Mrs. King, and the fancy articles will be in charge of Mrs. Croswaithe. Mrs. W. H. Callahan will sell fruit punch. The dolls, toys and Christmas tree will be in charge of Mrs. Carr, Mrs. McCarthy,

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The annual Christmas sale and tea will be held at St. Rose's Technical School, Phelps place and California street, Saturday, December 5, 3 to 7 p.m. There will be an exhibition of work done in the school, including gowns, wraps, lingerie. Ladies of the diplomatic circle will be in charge of the tearoom and at the war relief table, where articles may be purchased to send abroad to sufferers in the war zone, will be presided over by Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Nora P. McGill, Miss Squire, Miss Horsey and others.

Mrs. Hannis Taylor will have the candy table, with Miss Taylor and Mrs. Welles.

Mrs. Stubblefield will have the apron table, with Mrs. Holden, Mrs. James Orme and Mrs. Edgar Orme.

Mrs. D. J. Callahan will have the cake table with Mrs. Herron and Mrs. King, and the fancy articles will be in charge of Mrs. Croswaithe. Mrs. W. H. Callahan will sell fruit punch. The dolls, toys and Christmas tree will be in charge of Mrs. Carr, Mrs. McCarthy,

The board of managers of the Presbyterian Home for the Aged will give a luncheon and bazaar at the Raleigh Hotel November 30 and December 1 from noon to 10 p.m. Luncheon will be served each day from noon until 2 p.m. Dinner will be served Monday evening. There will be a beautiful display of fancy articles of every kind for sale.

The officers of the board are Mrs. A. H. Quaffie, president; Mrs. William Henry White, recording secretary; Mrs. S. J. Vaughan, treasurer; Mrs. O. B. Brown, corresponding secretary. The luncheon and dinner will be in charge of Mrs. M. E. Stetson, Mrs. C. G. Stott, Mrs. B. H. Warner and Mrs. M. A. Ballantyne.

The chairwomen of both are: Aprons, Mrs. M. A. Skinner; linens and embroideries, Mrs. William Henry White; worsteds, Mrs. A. C. McElroy; hats, Mrs. Harvey S. Irwin; novelties, Mrs. E. B. Grandin; candy, Miss Caro Kershaw; Christmas cards, Miss Alice Craich